Giving Golden Opportunities

Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Recognition Program

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: If awarded, how long do I have to find a job in a medically underserved area or facility in California?
- A: Award recipients must begin the work obligation within 6 months of graduation.
- Q: What if I am under 18, but I am an emancipated minor?
- A: Emancipated minors (under age 18) must provide a copy of the emancipation documentation from the court, along with the application.
- Q: Does the Foundation assist with job placement in a medically underserved area or facility of California?
- A: The Foundation is unable to assist with job placement. However, the Foundation will provide upon request a partial listing of facilities that are in designated medically underserved areas of California.
- Q: What does the Foundation look at to determine a student's financial need?
- A: The Foundation will review the applicants 2001-2002 Student Aid Report (SAR) or the 2000 Federal tax returns and all W2s filed on behalf of the applicant's household. For applicants dependent upon parents for support, the parents' 2000 Federal tax forms and all W2s for the household must be submitted.
- Q: May I call the Foundation to ask questions before I file my application or to inquire on the status of my application after I have submitted it?
- A: Yes. Applicants are urged to call the Foundation prior to submitting an application to ensure that all eligibility and application requirements are met. Applicants may phone the Foundation to inquire on the status of the application-whether it was received or was complete.
- Q: How soon after the final filing date will the Foundation notify me?
- A: Applicants will be notified in writing by March 31, 2002 of the result of filing the YAPP/LRP application.
- Q: May I be awarded the YAPP/LRP scholarship more than once?
- A: No. Unlike other Foundation programs, applicants may be awarded the YAPP/LRP scholarship only once. However, this award of \$25,000 can be used over a 5-year period.
- Q: If I am a current recipient of another Foundation scholarship or loan repayment program, may I apply for the YAPP/LRP scholarship?
- A: No. Current Foundation recipients are not eligible to apply for the YAPP/LRP scholarship.
- Q: If I am awarded, how will the funds be paid?
- A: Upon verification of enrollment each quarter or semester in a California accredited college or university, award funds will be paid 50 percent to the school (in the name of the recipient) and 50 percent to the recipient.
- Q: If awarded, will I be required to verify that I am working in a medically underserved area or facility in California upon my graduation?
- A: Yes. Within 6 months of graduation all recipients are required to begin the work obligation and to notify the Foundation of having accepted employment. Thereafter, for the duration of the 2-year obligation period, the recipient will be required to provide a quarterly Verification of Employment form completed by the immediate supervisor or the human resources office.
- Q: What if I accept employment that is not in a medically underserved area or facility in California?
- A: Recipients who are unsuccessful in completing the 2-year service obligation in a medically underserved area or facility in California will be required to repay all scholarship funds received, plus interest and administrative fees.

- Q: What if I become unable to complete my health professional education?
- A: Recipients who are unsuccessful in completing the health professional education will be required to repay all scholarship funds received, plus interest and administrative fees.
- Q: May I request an extension if I cannot obtain all required documents by the final filing date?
- A: No. Final filing date extensions will not be granted. Applicants unable to submit <u>all</u> the required documentation by the final filing date may apply during the next filing period.
- Q: If I am unsuccessful in getting an award this year, will my application automatically be held over for the next filing period?
- A: No. Applicants who are unsuccessful in getting an award during the current filing period must file a new, complete application package during a later filing period.
- Q: May I apply now if I am not yet 18 and not a high school graduate or I do not have high school equivalency/GED, but I have the required work or community service experience?
- A: Yes. Applicants under age 18 who have not graduated high school or do not have high school equivalency or a GED may apply. However, these applicants must graduated high school or possess high school equivalency/GED by June 30, 2002.
- Q: May I apply now if I will graduate high school or possess high school equivalency/GED by June 30, 2002, but I will not be 18 years old by June 30, 2002?
- A: Yes. However, all applicants under age 18 as of the final filing date must obtain the parent or legal guardian's signature on the application, and, must graduate high school or must possess high school equivalency or a GED by June 30, 2002.
- Q: May I apply now if I do not know what health professional program I am going to study or what school I am going to attend?
- A: Yes, however, before scholarship funds may be paid, all YAPP/LRP scholarship recipients must provide verification of enrollment in a health professional degree program at a California accredited college or university for the Fall 2002 term.
- Q: If I am awarded this scholarship, will this reduce my other financial aid awards?
- A: Applicants should consult with the school's financial aid office to determine how or whether receiving these scholarship funds will effect any other financial aid awards.
- Q: If I am awarded this scholarship, will I be required to report the funds on my 2002 state and federal taxes?
- A: Applicants should consult with their tax advisor to determine whether these scholarship funds must be reported to the state Franchise Tax Board and to the Internal Revenue Service.
- Q: If I am awarded this scholarship, will I be required to report the funds to social service programs from which I receive assistance?
- A: Applicants should consult with their social service representative to determine whether these scholarship funds must be reported, or how these funds might effect any social service grants.
- Q: May I apply for the YAPP/LRP if I am a ward of a court/ under court supervision, or in foster care?
- A: Yes, however, these applicants must obtain the legal guardian's signature on the application. For all applicants who are under age 18 at the time of award, the legal guardian will be required to sign all contractual documents on behalf of the applicant, and, to accompany the applicant to the awards ceremony.